Purchase of alum by Badarpur power plant from large scale industries

3304. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHA-KRAVARTY:
SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Thermal Power Corporation, Badarpur is purchasing 'ALUM' worth crores of rupees annually from large industrial houses whereas the said item is reserved for manufacturing in small scale sector and also reserved for purchasing by Government organisations from small scale, sector;

(b) whether it is a fact that the management of Badarpur Thermal Power Plant has agreed in principle to encourage the setting up of ancillary industries for the items reserved for small scale sector under New 20-Point Economic Programme to generate more employment and to end poverty speedily; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALP-NATH RAI): (a) According to National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC). alum is purchased by Badarpur Thermal Power Station (BTPS) by inviting open-tenders and due consideration is given to small-scale Industries Corporation with the National Small Industries Corporation, in accordance with the existing instructions of the Government. Purchase of alum by Government organisations has not so far been reserved for the small scale sector.

Alum worth about Rs. 40 lakhs was purchased by BTPS from 1986 up July, 1988.

(b) and (c) According to NTPC a large number of existing small scale industries in and around Delhi, have been identified and short listed by BTPS for purchase of spare parts required by them.

Prices of glipizide range formulations

3305. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 687 given in the Rajya Sabha on 2nd May, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the leading formulation brands based on Glipizide, Thoridazine, Cephaloridine, Flubiprofen Oxyfedrine Hcl and what are their sales as per ORG during 1988;

(b) what were the prices of these brands under DPCO 1979 and what are their prices at present alongwith the details of percentage increase; and

(c) whether the prices of these products were ever fixed under DPCO, 1979?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) Sales turn-over of formulations is not monitored. The details relating to prices of leading brands of formulations based on the bulk drugs referred to in the question are therefore not available.

Fixation of prices of T. B. Drugs.

@3306. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in the Times of India dated the 25th July, 1988 regarding over-charging the T. B. patients for rifampicin capsule and INH, the most effective drugs for the disease;

(b) whether it is a fact that the prices of this essential drug has not been fixed since 1983; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and the measures taken by Government to ensure the availability of the drug to T. B. patients at the fixed prices?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (c) A price of Rs. 12.01 has been fixed for 4 capsules of Rifampicin and

@Previously Unstarred Question 2612 transferred from the 17th August, 1988.